

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
FOR  
CONSULTING SERVICES**

BETWEEN



**COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

AND

**BERNADINE V. BATTLE**

**CONTRACT NO. 1485-13728**

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

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- Exhibit 2      Certification for Consulting or Auditing Services

## AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the County of Cook, a public body corporate of the State of Illinois, on behalf of Office of the Chief Procurement Officer hereinafter referred to as "County" and Bernadine V. Battle, doing business as a Sole Source Proprietor / Independent Contractor of the State of Illinois hereinafter referred to as "Consultant".

## BACKGROUND

*Consultant represents that it has the professional experience and expertise to provide the necessary services and further warrants that it is ready, willing and able to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in this Agreement.*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County and Consultant agree as follows:

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **ARTICLE 1) INCORPORATION OF BACKGROUND**

The Background information set forth above is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

#### **ARTICLE 2) DEFINITIONS**

##### **a) Definitions**

The following words and phrases have the following meanings for purposes of this Agreement:

**"Additional Services"** means those services which are within the general scope of Services of this Agreement, but beyond the description of services required under Article 3, and all services reasonably necessary to complete the Additional Services to the standards of performance required by this Agreement. Any Additional Services requested by the Department require the approval of the Chief Procurement Officer in a written modification to this Agreement before Consultant is obligated to perform those Additional Services and before the County becomes obligated to pay for those Additional Services.

**"Agreement"** means this Professional Services Agreement, including all exhibits attached to it and incorporated in it by reference, and all amendments, modifications or revisions made in accordance with its terms.

**"Chief Procurement Officer"** means the Chief Procurement Officer for the County of Cook and any representative duly authorized in writing to act on his behalf.

**"Department"** means the Cook County Using Department.

**"Services"** means, collectively, the services, duties and responsibilities described in Article 3 of this Agreement and any and all work necessary to complete them or carry them out fully and to the standard of performance required in this Agreement.

**"Subcontractor"** means any person or entity with whom Consultant contracts to provide any part of the Services, including subcontractors and subconsultants of any tier, suppliers and materials providers, whether or not in privity with Consultant.

**b) Interpretation**

i) The term **"include"** (in all its forms) means "include, without limitation" unless the context clearly states otherwise.

ii) All references in this Agreement to Articles, Sections or Exhibits, unless otherwise expressed or indicated are to the Articles, Sections or Exhibits of this Agreement.

iii) Words importing persons include firms, associations, partnerships, trusts, corporations and other legal entities, including public bodies, as well as natural persons.

iv) Any headings preceding the text of the Articles and Sections of this Agreement, and any table of contents or marginal notes appended to it, are solely for convenience or reference and do not constitute a part of this Agreement, nor do they affect the meaning, construction or effect of this Agreement.

v) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa. Words of the masculine gender include the correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders.

vi) All references to a number of days mean calendar days, unless expressly indicated otherwise.

**c) Incorporation of Exhibits**

The following attached Exhibits are made a part of this Agreement:

- Exhibit 1      Scope of Services and Schedule of Compensation
- Exhibit 2      Certification for Consulting or Auditing Services

## **ARTICLE 3) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT**

### **a) Scope of Services**

This description of Services is intended to be general in nature and is neither a complete description of Consultant's Services nor a limitation on the Services that Consultant is to provide under this Agreement. Consultant must provide the Services in accordance with the standards of performance set forth in Section 3c. The Services that Consultant must provide include, but are not limited to, those described in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services and Time Limits for Performance, which is attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

### **b) Deliverables**

In carrying out its Services, Consultant must prepare or provide to the County various Deliverables. "Deliverables" include work product, such as written reviews, recommendations, reports and analyses, produced by Consultant for the County.

The County may reject Deliverables that do not include relevant information or data, or do not include all documents or other materials specified in this Agreement or reasonably necessary for the purpose for which the County made this Agreement or for which the County intends to use the Deliverables. If the County determines that Consultant has failed to comply with the foregoing standards, it has 30 days from the discovery to notify Consultant of its failure. If Consultant does not correct the failure, if it is possible to do so, within 30 days after receipt of notice from the County specifying the failure, then the County, by written notice, may treat the failure as a default of this Agreement under Article 9.

Partial or incomplete Deliverables may be accepted for review only when required for a specific and well-defined purpose and when consented to in advance by the County. Such Deliverables will not be considered as satisfying the requirements of this Agreement and partial or incomplete Deliverables in no way relieve Consultant of its commitments under this Agreement.

### **c) Standard of Performance**

Consultant must perform all Services required of it under this Agreement with that degree of skill, care and diligence normally shown by a consultant performing services of a scope and purpose and magnitude comparable with the nature of the Services to be provided under this Agreement. Consultant acknowledges that it is entrusted with or has access to valuable and confidential information and records of the County and with respect to that information, Consultant agrees to be held to the standard of care of a fiduciary.

Consultant must assure that all Services that require the exercise of professional skills or judgment are accomplished by professionals qualified and competent in the applicable discipline and appropriately licensed, if required by law. Consultant must provide copies of any such licenses. Consultant remains responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of all

Services or Deliverables furnished, whether by Consultant or its Subcontractors or others on its behalf. All Deliverables must be prepared in a form and content satisfactory to the Department and delivered in a timely manner consistent with the requirements of this Agreement.

If Consultant fails to comply with the foregoing standards, Consultant must perform again, at its own expense, all Services required to be re-performed as a direct or indirect result of that failure. Any review, approval, acceptance or payment for any of the Services by the County does not relieve Consultant of its responsibility for the professional skill and care and technical accuracy of its Services and Deliverables. This provision in no way limits the County's rights against Consultant either under this Agreement, at law or in equity.

**d) Personnel**

**i) Adequate Staffing**

Consultant must, upon receiving a fully executed copy of this Agreement, assign and maintain during the term of this Agreement and any extension of it an adequate staff of competent personnel that is fully equipped, licensed as appropriate, available as needed, qualified and assigned exclusively to perform the Services. Consultant must include among its staff the Key Personnel and positions as identified below. The level of staffing may be revised from time to time by notice in writing from Consultant to the County and with written consent of the County, which consent the County will not withhold unreasonably. If the County fails to object to the revision within 14 days after receiving the notice, then the revision will be considered accepted by the County.

**ii) Key Personnel**

Consultant must not reassign or replace Key Personnel without the written consent of the County, which consent the County will not unreasonably withhold. "Key Personnel" means those job titles and the persons assigned to those positions in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3.d(ii). The Department may at any time in writing notify Consultant that the County will no longer accept performance of Services under this Agreement by one or more Key Personnel listed. Upon that notice Consultant must immediately suspend the services of the key person or persons and must replace him or them in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. A list of Key Personnel is found in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services.

**iii) Salaries and Wages**

Consultant and Subcontractors must pay all salaries and wages due all employees performing Services under this Agreement unconditionally and at least once a month without deduction or rebate on any account, except only for those payroll deductions that are mandatory by law or are permitted under applicable law and regulations. If in the performance of this Agreement Consultant underpays any such salaries or wages, the Comptroller for the County may withhold, out of payments due to Consultant, an amount sufficient to pay to employees underpaid the

difference between the salaries or wages required to be paid under this Agreement and the salaries or wages actually paid these employees for the total number of hours worked. The amounts withheld may be disbursed by the Comptroller for and on account of Consultant to the respective employees to whom they are due. The parties acknowledge that this Section 3.d(iii) is solely for the benefit of the County and that it does not grant any third party beneficiary rights.

**e) Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Commitment**

In the performance of this Agreement, including the procurement and lease of materials or equipment, Consultant must abide by the minority and women's business enterprise commitment requirements of the Cook County Ordinance, (Article IV, Section 34-267 through 272) except to the extent waived by the Compliance Director. Consultant's completed MBE/WBE Utilization Plan evidencing its compliance with this requirement are a part of this Agreement, in Section 1 of the Economic Disclosure Statement, upon acceptance by the Compliance Director. Consultant must utilize minority and women's business enterprises at the greater of the amounts committed to by the Consultant for this Agreement in accordance with Section 1 of the Economic Disclosure Statement.

**f) Insurance**

**(INTENTIONALLY OMITTED)**

**g) Indemnification**

The Contractor covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the County and its commissioners, officials, employees, agents and representatives, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, from and against any and all costs, expenses, attorney's fees, losses, damages and liabilities incurred or suffered directly or indirectly from or attributable to any claims arising out of or incident to the performance or nonperformance of the Contract by the Contractor, or the acts or omissions of the officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, licensees or invitees of the Contractor. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any Performance Bond or insurance protection required of the Contractor, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify the County as hereinabove provided.

**h) Confidentiality and Ownership of Documents**

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that information regarding this Contract is confidential and shall not be disclosed, directly, indirectly or by implication, or be used by Contractor in any way, whether during the term of this Contract or at any time thereafter, except solely as required in the course of Contractor's performance hereunder. Contractor shall comply with the applicable privacy laws and regulations affecting County and will not disclose any of County's records, materials, or other data to any third party. Contractor shall not have the right to compile and distribute statistical analyses and reports utilizing data derived from information or data obtained from County without the prior written approval of County. In the event such approval is given, any such reports published and distributed by Contractor shall be furnished to County without

charge.

All documents, data, studies, reports, work product or product created as a result of the performance of the Contract (the "Documents") shall be included in the Deliverables and shall be the property of the County of Cook. It shall be a breach of this Contract for the Contractor to reproduce or use any documents, data, studies, reports, work product or product obtained from the County of Cook or any Documents created hereby, whether such reproduction or use is for Contractor's own purposes or for those of any third party. During the performance of the Contract Contractor shall be responsible of any loss or damage to the Documents while they are in Contractor's possession, and any such loss or damage shall be restored at the expense of the Contractor. The County and its designees shall be afforded full access to the Documents and the work at all times.

**i) Patents, Copyrights and Licenses**

If applicable, Contractor shall furnish the Chief Procurement Officer with all licenses required for the County to utilize any software, including firmware or middleware, provided by Contractor as part of the Deliverables. Such licenses shall be clearly marked with a reference to the number of this County Contract. Contractor shall also furnish a copy of such licenses to the Chief Procurement Officer. Unless otherwise stated in these Contract documents, such licenses shall be perpetual and shall not limit the number of persons who may utilize the software on behalf of the County.

Contractor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County, its officers, agents, employees and affiliates from and defend, at its own expense (including reasonable attorneys', accountants' and consultants' fees), any suit or proceeding brought against County based upon a claim that the ownership and/or use of equipment, hardware and software or any part thereof provided to the County or utilized in performing Contractor's services constitutes an infringement of any patent, copyright or license or any other property right.

In the event the use of any equipment, hardware or software or any part thereof is enjoined, Contractor with all reasonable speed and due diligence shall provide or otherwise secure for County, at the Contractor's election, one of the following: the right to continue use of the equipment, hardware or software; an equivalent system having the Specifications as provided in this Contract; or Contractor shall modify the system or its component parts so that they become non-infringing while performing in a substantially similar manner to the original system, meeting the requirements of this Contract.

**j) Examination of Records and Audits**

The Contractor agrees that the Cook County Auditor or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until expiration of three (3) years after the final payment under the Contract, have access and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, canceled checks, bank statements, purveyor's and other invoices, and records of the Contractor related to the Contract, or to Contractor's compliance with any term, condition or provision thereof. The Contractor shall be responsible for

establishing and maintaining records sufficient to document the costs associated with performance under the terms of this Contract.

The Contractor further agrees that it shall include in all of its subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that the Cook County Auditor or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until expiration of three (3) years after final payment under the subcontract, have access and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, canceled checks, bank statements, purveyor's and other invoices and records of such subcontractor involving transactions relating to the subcontract, or to such subcontractor's compliance with any term, condition or provision thereunder or under the Contract.

In the event the Contractor receives payment under the Contract, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by the County, the Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the County on request, or at the County's option, the County may credit the amount disallowed from the next payment due or to become due to the Contractor under any contract with the County.

To the extent this Contract pertains to Deliverables which may be reimbursable under the Medicaid or Medicare Programs, Contractor shall retain and make available upon request, for a period of four (4) years after furnishing services pursuant to this Agreement, the contract, books, documents and records which are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the costs of such services if requested by the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives. If Contractor carries out any of its duties under the Agreement through a subcontract with a related organization involving a value of cost of \$10,000.00 or more over a 12 month period, Contractor will cause such subcontract to contain a clause to the effect that, until the expiration of four years after the furnishing of any service pursuant to said subcontract, the related organization will make available upon request of the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives, copies of said subcontract and any books, documents, records and other data of said related organization that

are necessary to certify the nature and extent of such costs. This paragraph relating to the retention and production of documents is included because of possible application of Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act to this Agreement; if this Section should be found to be inapplicable, then this paragraph shall be deemed inoperative and without force and effect.

**k) Subcontracting or Assignment of Contract or Contract Funds**

Once awarded, this Contract shall not be subcontracted or assigned, in whole or in part, without the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer, which approval shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer. In no case, however, shall such approval relieve the Contractor from its obligations or change the terms of the Contract. The Contractor shall not transfer or assign any Contract funds or any interest therein due or to become due without the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer. The unauthorized subcontracting or assignment of the Contract, in whole or in part, or the unauthorized transfer or assignment of any Contract funds, either in whole or in part, or any interest therein, which shall be

due or are to become due the Contractor shall have no effect on the County and are null and void.

Prior to the commencement of the Contract, the Contractor shall identify in writing to the Chief Procurement Officer the names of any and all subcontractors it intends to use in the performance of the Contract. The Chief Procurement Officer shall have the right to disapprove any subcontractor. Identification of subcontractors to the Chief Procurement Officer shall be in addition to any communications with County offices other than the Chief Procurement Officer. All subcontractors shall be subject to the terms of this Contract. Contractor shall incorporate into all subcontracts all of the provisions of the Contract which affect such subcontract. Copies of subcontracts shall be provided to the Chief Procurement Officer upon request.

The Contractor must disclose the name and business address of each subcontractor, attorney, lobbyist, accountant, consultant and any other person or entity whom the Contractor has retained or expects to retain in connection with the Matter, as well as the nature of the relationship, and the total amount of the fees paid or estimated to be paid. The Contractor is not required to disclose employees who are paid or estimated to be paid. The Contractor is not required to disclose employees who are paid solely through the contractor's regular payroll. "Lobbyist" means any person or entity who undertakes to influence any legislation or administrative action on behalf of any person or entity other than: 1) a not-for-profit entity, on an unpaid basis, or (2), himself. "Lobbyist" also means any person or entity any part of whose duties as an employee of another includes undertaking to influence any legislative or administrative action. If the Contractor is uncertain whether a disclosure is required under this Section, the Contractor must either ask the County, whether disclosure is required or make the disclosure.

The County reserves the right to prohibit any person from entering any County facility for any reason. All contractors and subcontractors of the Contractor shall be accountable to the Chief Procurement Officer or his designee while on any County property and shall abide by all rules and regulations imposed by the County.

#### **D) Professional Social Services**

In accordance with 34-146, of the Cook County Procurement Code, all Consultants or providers providing services under a Professional Social Service Contracts or Professional Social Services Agreements, shall submit an annual performance report to the Using Agency, i.e., the agency for whom the Consultant or provider is providing the professional social services, that includes but is not limited to relevant statistics, an empirical analysis where applicable, and a written narrative describing the goals and objectives of the contract or agreement and programmatic outcomes. The annual performance report shall be provided and reported to the Cook County Board of Commissioners by the applicable Using Agency within forty-five days of receipt. Failure of the Consultant or provider to provide an annual performance report will be considered a breach of contract or agreement by the Consultant or provider, and may result in termination of the Contract or agreement.

For purposes of this Section, a Professional Social Service Contract or Professional Social Service Agreement shall mean any contract or agreement with a social service provider, including other

governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, or for profit business enterprises engaged in the field of and providing social services, juvenile justice, mental health treatment, alternative sentencing, offender rehabilitation, recidivism reduction, foster care, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence services, community transitioning services, intervention, or such other similar services which provide mental, social or physical treatment and services to individuals. Said Professional Social Service Contracts or Professional Social Service Agreements do not include CCHHS managed care contracts that CCHHS may enter into with health care providers.

#### **ARTICLE 4) TERM OF PERFORMANCE**

##### **a) Term of Performance**

This Agreement takes effect when approved by the Cook County Board and its term shall begin on June 23, 2014 ("**Effective Date**") and continue until June 22, 2015 or until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, whichever occurs first.

##### **b) Timeliness of Performance**

i) Consultant must provide the Services and Deliverables within the term and within the time limits required under this Agreement, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.a and Exhibit 1. Further, Consultant acknowledges that **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** and that the failure of Consultant to comply with the time limits described in this Section 4.b may result in economic or other losses to the County.

ii) Neither Consultant nor Consultant's agents, employees or Subcontractors are entitled to any damages from the County, nor is any party entitled to be reimbursed by the County, for damages, charges or other losses or expenses incurred by Consultant by reason of delays or hindrances in the performance of the Services, whether or not caused by the County.

##### **c) Agreement Extension Option**

The Chief Procurement Officer may at any time before this Agreement expires elect to extend this Agreement for an additional one-year periods under the same terms and conditions as this original Agreement, except as provided otherwise in this Agreement, by notice in writing to Consultant. After notification by the Chief Procurement Officer, this Agreement must be modified to reflect the time extension in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.c.

#### **ARTICLE 5) COMPENSATION**

##### **a) Basis of Payment**

The County will pay Consultant according to the Schedule of Compensation in the attached Exhibit 1 for the successful completion of services.

**b) Method of Payment**

All invoices submitted by the Contractor shall be in accordance with the cost provisions according to the Schedule of Compensation in the attached Exhibit 1. The invoices shall contain a detailed description of the Deliverables for which payment is requested. All invoices shall reflect the amounts invoiced by and the amounts paid to the Contractor as of the date of the invoice, and shall be submitted together with a properly completed County Voucher form (29A). Invoices for new charges shall not include "past due" amounts, if any, which amounts must be set forth on a separate invoice. No payments shall be made with respect to invoices which do not include the County Voucher form or which otherwise fail to comply with the requirements of this paragraph. Contractor shall not be entitled to invoice the County for any late fees or other penalties.

**c) Funding**

The source of funds for payments under this Agreement is identified in Exhibit 2, Schedule of Compensation. Payments under this Agreement must not exceed the dollar amount shown in Exhibit 2 without a written amendment in accordance with Section 10.c.

**d) Non-Appropriation**

If no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted in any fiscal period of the County for payments to be made under this Agreement, then the County will notify Consultant in writing of that occurrence, and this Agreement will terminate on the earlier of the last day of the fiscal period for which sufficient appropriation was made or whenever the funds appropriated for payment under this Agreement are exhausted. Payments for Services completed to the date of notification will be made to Consultant. No payments will be made or due to Consultant and under this Agreement beyond those amounts appropriated and budgeted by the County to fund payments under this Agreement.

**e) Taxes**

Federal Excise Tax does not apply to materials purchased by the County by virtue of Exemption Certificate No. 36-75-0038K. Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax, Use Tax and Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax do not apply to deliverables, materials or services purchased by the County by virtue of statute. The price or prices quoted herein shall include any and all other federal and/or state, direct and/or indirect taxes which apply to this Contract. The County's State of Illinois Sales Tax Exemption Identification No. is E-9998-2013-05.

**f) Price Reduction**

If at any time after the contract award, Contractor makes a general price reduction in the price of any of the Deliverables, the equivalent price reduction based on similar quantities and/or

considerations shall apply to this Contract for the duration of the Contract period. For purposes of this Section 5.f., Price Reduction, a general price reduction shall include reductions in the effective price charged by Contractor by reason of rebates, financial incentives, discounts, value points or other benefits with respect to the purchase of the Deliverables. Such price reductions shall be effective at the same time and in the same manner as the reduction Contractor makes in the price of the Deliverables to its prospective customers generally.

**g) Contractor Credits**

To the extent the Contractor gives credits toward future purchases of goods or services, financial incentives, discounts, value points or other benefits based on the purchase of the materials or services provided for under this Contract, such credits belong to the County and not any specific using department. Contractor shall reflect any such credits on its invoices and in the amounts it invoices the County.

**ARTICLE 6) DISPUTES**

Any dispute arising under the Contract between the County and Contractor shall be decided by the Chief Procurement Officer. The complaining party shall submit a written statement detailing the dispute and specifying the specific relevant Contract provision(s) to the Chief Procurement Officer. Upon request of the Chief Procurement Officer, the party complained against shall respond to the complaint in writing within five days of such request. The Chief Procurement Officer will reduce her decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. The decision of the Chief Procurement Officer will be final and binding. Dispute resolution as provided herein shall be a condition precedent to any other action at law or in equity. However, unless a notice is issued by the Chief Procurement Officer indicating that additional time is required to review a dispute, the parties may exercise their contractual remedies, if any, if no decision is made within sixty (60) days following notification to the Chief Procurement Officer of a dispute. No inference shall be drawn from the absence of a decision by the Chief Procurement Officer. Notwithstanding a dispute, Contractor shall continue to discharge all its obligations, duties and responsibilities set forth in the Contract during any dispute resolution proceeding unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing.

**ARTICLE 7) COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS**

The Contractor shall observe and comply with the laws, ordinances, regulations and codes of the Federal, State, County and other local government agencies which may in any manner affect the performance of the Contract including, but not limited to, those County Ordinances set forth in the Certifications attached hereto and incorporated herein. Assurance of compliance with this requirement by the Contractor's employees, agents or subcontractors shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall secure and pay for all federal, state and local licenses, permits and fees required hereunder.

## **ARTICLE 8) SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **a) Warranties and Representations**

In connection with signing and carrying out this Agreement, Consultant:

- i) warrants that Consultant is appropriately licensed under Illinois law to perform the Services required under this Agreement and will perform no Services for which a professional license is required by law and for which Consultant is not appropriately licensed;
- ii) warrants it is financially solvent; it and each of its employees, agents and Subcontractors of any tier are competent to perform the Services required under this Agreement; and Consultant is legally authorized to execute and perform or cause to be performed this Agreement under the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement;
- iii) warrants that it will not knowingly use the services of any ineligible consultant or Subcontractor for any purpose in the performance of its Services under this Agreement;
- iv) warrants that Consultant and its Subcontractors are not in default at the time this Agreement is signed, and have not been considered by the Chief Procurement Officer to have, within 5 years immediately preceding the date of this Agreement, been found to be in default on any contract awarded by the County ;
- v) represents that it has carefully examined and analyzed the provisions and requirements of this Agreement; it understands the nature of the Services required; from its own analysis it has satisfied itself as to the nature of all things needed for the performance of this Agreement; this Agreement is feasible of performance in accordance with all of its provisions and requirements, and Consultant warrants it can and will perform, or cause to be performed, the Services in strict accordance with the provisions and requirements of this Agreement;
- vi) represents that Consultant and, to the best of its knowledge, its Subcontractors are not in violation of the provisions of the Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/33E as amended; and
- vii) acknowledges that any certification, affidavit or acknowledgment made under oath in connection with this Agreement is made under penalty of perjury and, if false, is also cause for termination under Sections 9.a and 9.c.

### **b) Ethics**

- i) In addition to the foregoing warranties and representations, Consultant warrants:
  - (1) no officer, agent or employee of the County is employed by Consultant or has a financial interest directly or indirectly in this Agreement or the compensation to be paid under this Agreement except as may be permitted in writing by the Board of Ethics.

(2) no payment, gratuity or offer of employment will be made in connection with this Agreement by or on behalf of any Subcontractors to the prime Consultant or higher tier Subcontractors or anyone associated with them, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

c) **Joint and Several Liability**

If Consultant, or its successors or assigns, if any, is comprised of more than one individual or other legal entity (or a combination of them), then under this Agreement, each and without limitation every obligation or undertaking in this Agreement to be fulfilled or performed by Consultant is the joint and several obligation or undertaking of each such individual or other legal entity.

d) **Business Documents**

At the request of the County, Consultant must provide copies of its latest articles of incorporation, by-laws and resolutions, or partnership or joint venture agreement, as applicable.

e) **Conflicts of Interest**

i) No member of the governing body of the County or other unit of government and no other officer, employee or agent of the County or other unit of government who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the Services to which this Agreement pertains is permitted to have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement. No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States or the Illinois General Assembly and no Commissioner of the Cook County Board or County employee is allowed to be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any financial benefit to arise from it.

ii) Consultant covenants that it, and to the best of its knowledge, its Subcontractors if any (collectively, "**Consulting Parties**"), presently have no direct or indirect interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any project or contract that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its Services under this Agreement.

iii) Upon the request of the County, Consultant must disclose to the County its past client list and the names of any clients with whom it has an ongoing relationship. Consultant is not permitted to perform any Services for the County on applications or other documents submitted to the County by any of Consultant's past or present clients. If Consultant becomes aware of a conflict, it must immediately stop work on the assignment causing the conflict and notify the County.

iv) Without limiting the foregoing, if the Consulting Parties assist the County in determining the advisability or feasibility of a project or in recommending, researching, preparing, drafting or issuing a request for proposals or bid specifications for a project, the Consulting Parties must not participate, directly or indirectly, as a prime, subcontractor or joint venturer in that project or in

the preparation of a proposal or bid for that project during the term of this Agreement or afterwards. The Consulting Parties may, however, assist the County in reviewing the proposals or bids for the project if none of the Consulting Parties have a relationship with the persons or entities that submitted the proposals or bids for that project.

v) The Consultant further covenants that, in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any conflicting interest will be assigned to perform any Services or have access to any confidential information, as defined in Section 3.h of this Agreement. If the County, by the Chief Procurement Officer in his reasonable judgment, determines that any of Consultant's Services for others conflict with the Services Consultant is to render for the County under this Agreement, Consultant must terminate such other services immediately upon request of the County.

vi) Furthermore, if any federal funds are to be used to compensate or reimburse Consultant under this Agreement, Consultant represents that it is and will remain in compliance with federal restrictions on lobbying set forth in Section 319 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal year 1990, 31 U.S.C. § 1352, and related rules and regulations set forth at 54 Fed. Reg. 52,309 ff. (1989), as amended. If federal funds are to be used, Consultant must execute a Certification Regarding Lobbying, which will be attached as an exhibit and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

**f) Non-Liability of Public Officials**

Consultant and any assignee or Subcontractor of Consultant must not charge any official, employee or agent of the County personally with any liability or expenses of defense or hold any official, employee or agent of the County personally liable to them under any term or provision of this Agreement or because of the County's execution, attempted execution or any breach of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 9) EVENTS OF DEFAULT, REMEDIES, TERMINATION, SUSPENSION AND RIGHT TO OFFSET**

**a) Events of Default Defined**

The following constitute events of default:

- i) Any material misrepresentation, whether negligent or willful and whether in the inducement or in the performance, made by Consultant to the County.
- ii) Consultant's material failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement including the following:

- (a) Failure due to a reason or circumstances within Consultant's reasonable control to perform the Services with sufficient personnel and equipment or with sufficient material to ensure the performance of the Services;
- (b) Failure to perform the Services in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Chief Procurement Officer or inability to perform the Services satisfactorily as a result of insolvency, filing for bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors;
- (c) Failure to promptly re-perform within a reasonable time Services that were rejected as erroneous or unsatisfactory;
- (d) Discontinuance of the Services for reasons within Consultant's reasonable control; and
- (e) Failure to comply with any other material term of this Agreement, including the provisions concerning insurance and nondiscrimination.

iii) Any change in ownership or control of Consultant without the prior written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer, which approval the Chief Procurement Officer will not unreasonably withhold.

iv) Consultant's default under any other agreement it may presently have or may enter into with the County during the life of this Agreement. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that in the event of a default under this Agreement the County may also declare a default under any such other Agreements.

(v) Failure to comply with Article 7 in the performance of the Agreement.

(vi) Consultant's repeated or continued violations of County ordinances unrelated to performance under the Agreement that in the opinion of the Chief Procurement Officer indicate a willful or reckless disregard for County laws and regulations.

## **b). Remedies**

The occurrence of any event of default permits the County, at the County's sole option, to declare Consultant in default. The Chief Procurement Officer may in his sole discretion give Consultant an opportunity to cure the default within a certain period of time, which period of time must not exceed 30 days, unless extended by the Chief Procurement Officer. Whether to declare Consultant in default is within the sole discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer and neither that decision nor the factual basis for it is subject to review or challenge under the Disputes provision of this Agreement.

The Chief Procurement Officer will give Consultant written notice of the default, either in the form of a cure notice ("**Cure Notice**"), or, if no opportunity to cure will be granted, a default

notice ("**Default Notice**"). If the Chief Procurement Officer gives a Default Notice, he will also indicate any present intent he may have to terminate this Agreement, and the decision to terminate (but not the decision not to terminate) is final and effective upon giving the notice. The Chief Procurement Officer may give a Default Notice if Consultant fails to effect a cure within the cure period given in a Cure Notice. When a Default Notice with intent to terminate is given as provided in this Section 9.b and Article 11, Consultant must discontinue any Services, unless otherwise directed in the notice, and deliver all materials accumulated in the performance of this Agreement, whether completed or in the process, to the County. After giving a Default Notice, the County may invoke any or all of the following remedies:

- i) The right to take over and complete the Services, or any part of them, at Consultant's expense and as agent for Consultant, either directly or through others, and bill Consultant for the cost of the Services, and Consultant must pay the difference between the total amount of this bill and the amount the County would have paid Consultant under the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the Services that were assumed by the County as agent for the Consultant under this Section 9.b;
- ii) The right to terminate this Agreement as to any or all of the Services yet to be performed effective at a time specified by the County;
- iii) The right of specific performance, an injunction or any other appropriate equitable remedy;
- iv) The right to money damages;
- v) The right to withhold all or any part of Consultant's compensation under this Agreement;
- vi) The right to consider Consultant non-responsible in future contracts to be awarded by the County.

If the Chief Procurement Officer considers it to be in the County's best interests, he may elect not to declare default or to terminate this Agreement. The parties acknowledge that this provision is solely for the benefit of the County and that if the County permits Consultant to continue to provide the Services despite one or more events of default, Consultant is in no way relieved of any of its responsibilities, duties or obligations under this Agreement, nor does the County waive or relinquish any of its rights.

The remedies under the terms of this Agreement are not intended to be exclusive of any other remedies provided, but each and every such remedy is cumulative and is in addition to any other remedies, existing now or later, at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any event of default impairs any such right or power, nor is it a waiver of any event of default nor acquiescence in it, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as the County considers expedient.

**c) Early Termination**

In addition to termination under Sections 9.a and 9.b of this Agreement, the County may terminate this Agreement, or all or any portion of the Services to be performed under it, at any time by a notice in writing from the County to Consultant. The County will give notice to Consultant in accordance with the provisions of Article 11. The effective date of termination will be the date the notice is received by Consultant or the date stated in the notice, whichever is later. If the County elects to terminate this Agreement in full, all Services to be provided under it must cease and all materials that may have been accumulated in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in the process, must be delivered to the County effective 10 days after the date the notice is considered received as provided under Article 11 of this Agreement (if no date is given) or upon the effective date stated in the notice.

After the notice is received, Consultant must restrict its activities, and those of its Subcontractors, to winding down any reports, analyses, or other activities previously begun. No costs incurred after the effective date of the termination are allowed. Payment for any Services actually and satisfactorily performed before the effective date of the termination is on the same basis as set forth in Article 5, but if any compensation is described or provided for on the basis of a period longer than 10 days, then the compensation must be prorated accordingly. No amount of compensation, however, is permitted for anticipated profits on unperformed Services. The County and Consultant must attempt to agree on the amount of compensation to be paid to Consultant, but if not agreed on, the dispute must be settled in accordance with Article 6 of this Agreement. The payment so made to Consultant is in full settlement for all Services satisfactorily performed under this Agreement.

Consultant must include in its contracts with Subcontractors an early termination provision in form and substance equivalent to this early termination provision to prevent claims against the County arising from termination of subcontracts after the early termination. Consultant will not be entitled to make any early termination claims against the County resulting from any Subcontractor's claims against Consultant or the County to the extent inconsistent with this provision.

If the County's election to terminate this Agreement for default under Sections 9.a and 9.b is determined in a court of competent jurisdiction to have been wrongful, then in that case the termination is to be considered to be an early termination under this Section 9.c.

**d) Suspension**

The County may at any time request that Consultant suspend its Services, or any part of them, by giving 15 days prior written notice to Consultant or upon informal oral, or even no notice, in the event of emergency. No costs incurred after the effective date of such suspension are allowed. Consultant must promptly resume its performance of the Services under the same terms and conditions as stated in this Agreement upon written notice by the Chief Procurement Officer and such equitable extension of time as may be mutually agreed upon by the Chief Procurement Officer and Consultant when necessary for continuation or completion of Services. Any additional costs or expenses actually incurred by Consultant as a result of recommencing the Services must be treated in accordance with the compensation provisions under Article 5 of this Agreement.

No suspension of this Agreement is permitted in the aggregate to exceed a period of 45 days within any one year of this Agreement. If the total number of days of suspension exceeds 45 days, Consultant by written notice may treat the suspension as an early termination of this Agreement under Section 9.c.

**e) Right to Offset**

i) In connection with performance under this Agreement:

The County may offset any excess costs incurred:

(i) if the County terminates this Agreement for default or any other reason resulting from Consultant's performance or non-performance;

(ii) if the County exercises any of its remedies under Section 9.b of this Agreement; or

(iii) if the County has any credits due or has made any overpayments under this Agreement.

The County may offset these excess costs by use of any payment due for Services completed before the County terminated this Agreement or before the County exercised any remedies. If the amount offset is insufficient to cover those excess costs, Consultant is liable for and must promptly remit to the County the balance upon written demand for it. This right to offset is in addition to and not a limitation of any other remedies available to the County.

**f.) Delays**

Contractor agrees that no charges or claims for damages shall be made by Contractor for any delays or hindrances from any cause whatsoever during the progress of any portion of this Contract.

**g.) Prepaid Fees**

In the event this Contract is terminated by either party, for cause or otherwise, and the County has prepaid for any Deliverables, Contractor shall refund to the County, on a prorated basis to the effective date of termination, all amounts prepaid for Deliverables not actually provided as of the effective date of the termination. The refund shall be made within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of termination.

**ARTICLE 10) GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**a) Entire Agreement**

**i) General**

This Agreement, and the exhibits attached to it and incorporated in it, constitute the entire agreement between the parties and no other warranties, inducements, considerations, promises or interpretations are implied or impressed upon this Agreement that are not expressly addressed in this Agreement.

**ii) No Collateral Agreements**

Consultant acknowledges that, except only for those representations, statements or promises expressly contained in this Agreement and any exhibits attached to it and incorporated by reference in it, no representation, statement or promise, oral or in writing, of any kind whatsoever, by the County, its officials, agents or employees, has induced Consultant to enter into this Agreement or has been relied upon by Consultant, including any with reference to: (i) the meaning, correctness, suitability or completeness of any provisions or requirements of this Agreement; (ii) the nature of the Services to be performed; (iii) the nature, quantity, quality or volume of any materials, equipment, labor and other facilities needed for the performance of this Agreement; (iv) the general conditions which may in any way affect this Agreement or its performance; (v) the compensation provisions of this Agreement; or (vi) any other matters, whether similar to or different from those referred to in (i) through (vi) immediately above, affecting or having any connection with this Agreement, its negotiation, any discussions of its performance or those employed or connected or concerned with it.

**iii) No Omissions**

Consultant acknowledges that Consultant was given an opportunity to review all documents forming this Agreement before signing this Agreement in order that it might request inclusion in this Agreement of any statement, representation, promise or provision that it desired or on that it wished to place reliance. Consultant did so review those documents, and either every such statement, representation, promise or provision has been included in this Agreement or else, if omitted, Consultant relinquishes the benefit of any such omitted statement, representation, promise or provision and is willing to perform this Agreement in its entirety without claiming reliance on it or making any other claim on account of its omission.

**b) Counterparts**

This Agreement is comprised of several identical counterparts, each to be fully signed by the parties and each to be considered an original having identical legal effect.

**c) Modifications and Amendments**

The parties may during the term of the Contract make modifications and amendments to the

Contract but only as provided in this section. Such modifications and amendments shall only be made by mutual agreement in writing.

In the case of Contracts not approved by the Board, the Chief Procurement Officer may amend a contract provided that any such amendment does not extend the Contract by more than one (1) year, and further provided that the total cost of all such amendments does not increase the total amount of the Contract beyond \$150,000. Such action may only be made with the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer. If the amendment extends the Contract beyond one (1) year or increases the total award amount beyond \$150,000, then Board approval will be required.

No County department or employee thereof has authority to make any modifications or amendments to this Contract. Any modifications or amendments to this Contract made without the express written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer is void and unenforceable.

Contractor is hereby notified that, except for modifications and amendments which are made in accordance with this GC-10, Modifications and Amendments, no County department or employee thereof has authority to make any modification or amendment to this Contract.

**d) Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

This Contract shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Contractor irrevocably agrees that, subject to the County's sole and absolute election to the contrary, any action or proceeding in any way, manner or respect arising out of the Contract, or arising from any dispute or controversy arising in connection with or related to the Contract, shall be litigated only in courts within the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, and the Contractor consents and submits to the jurisdiction thereof. In accordance with these provisions, Contractor waives any right it may have to transfer or change the venue of any litigation brought against it by the County pursuant to this Contract.

**e) Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is held or considered to be or is in fact invalid, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or in all cases because it conflicts with any other provision or provisions of this Agreement or of any constitution, statute, ordinance, rule of law or public policy, or for any other reason, those circumstances do not have the effect of rendering the provision in question invalid, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable in any other case or circumstances, or of rendering any other provision or provisions in this Agreement invalid, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatsoever. The invalidity, illegality, inoperativeness or unenforceability of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or sections in this Agreement does not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement or any part of it.

**f) Assigns**

All of the terms and conditions of this Agreement are binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.

**g) Cooperation**

Consultant must at all times cooperate fully with the County and act in the County's best interests. If this Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if it is to expire on its own terms, Consultant must make every effort to assure an orderly transition to another provider of the Services, if any, orderly demobilization of its own operations in connection with the Services, uninterrupted provision of Services during any transition period and must otherwise comply with the reasonable requests and requirements of the Department in connection with the termination or expiration.

**h) Waiver**

Nothing in this Agreement authorizes the waiver of a requirement or condition contrary to law or ordinance or that would result in or promote the violation of any federal, state or local law or ordinance.

Whenever under this Agreement the County by a proper authority waives Consultant's performance in any respect or waives a requirement or condition to either the County's or Consultant's performance, the waiver so granted, whether express or implied, only applies to the particular instance and is not a waiver forever or for subsequent instances of the performance, requirement or condition. No such waiver is a modification of this Agreement regardless of the number of times the County may have waived the performance, requirement or condition. Such waivers must be provided to Consultant in writing.

**i) Independent Contractor**

This Agreement is not intended to and will not constitute, create, give rise to, or otherwise recognize a joint venture, partnership, corporation or other formal business association or organization of any kind between Consultant and the County. The rights and the obligations of the parties are only those expressly set forth in this Agreement. Consultant must perform under this Agreement as an independent contractor and not as a representative, employee, agent, or partner of the County.

This Agreement is between the County and an independent contractor and, if Consultant is an individual, nothing provided for under this Agreement constitutes or implies an employer-employee relationship such that:

i) The County will not be liable under or by reason of this Agreement for the payment of any compensation award or damages in connection with the Consultant performing the Services required under this Agreement.

ii) Consultant is not entitled to membership in the County Pension Fund, Group Medical Insurance Program, Group Dental Program, Group Vision Care, Group Life Insurance Program, Deferred Income Program, vacation, sick leave, extended sick leave, or any other benefits ordinarily provided to individuals employed and paid through the regular payrolls of the County.

iii) The County is not required to deduct or withhold any taxes, FICA or other deductions from any compensation provided to the Consultant.

**j) Governmental Joint Purchasing Agreement**

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act (30 ILCS 525) and the Joint Purchase Agreement approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners (April 9, 1965), other units of government may purchase goods or services under this contract.

**ARTICLE 11) NOTICES**

All notices required pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing and addressed to the parties at their respective addresses set forth below. All such notices shall be deemed duly given if hand delivered or if deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified, return receipt requested. Notice as provided herein does not waive service of summons or process.

If to the County: Cook County Assessor's Office  
118 N. Clark Street - Rm 314  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
Attention: Victoria LaCalamita

and

Cook County Chief Procurement Officer  
118 North Clark Street, Room 1018  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
(Include County Contract Number on all notices)

If to Consultant: Bernadine V. Battle  
Consultant  
945 187<sup>th</sup> Street  
Homewood, Illinois 60430  
Attention: Bernadine V. Battle

Changes in these addresses must be in writing and delivered in accordance with the provisions of this Article 11. Notices delivered by mail are considered received three days after mailing in accordance with this Article 11. Notices delivered personally are considered effective upon receipt. Refusal to accept delivery has the same effect as receipt.

## **ARTICLE 12)        AUTHORITY**

Execution of this Agreement by Consultant is authorized by a resolution of its Board of Directors, if a corporation, or similar governing document, and the signature(s) of each person signing on behalf of Consultant have been made with complete and full authority to commit Consultant to all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including each and every representation, certification and warranty contained in it, including the representations, certifications and warranties collectively incorporated by reference in it.

**EXHIBIT 1**

**Scope of Services and Schedule of Compensation**

Bernadine Battle  
945 187<sup>th</sup> Street  
Homewood, IL 60430

**OBJECTIVE:**

The Cook County Assessor's Office seeks a qualified Consultant to perform duties required to complete 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> passes of the 2014 assessment year as well as coordinating and assigning special projects and work drawer permits for the 2015 assessment year for the Industrial/Commercial Field Operations Department. Additionally, the Consultant will simultaneously train and transfer the knowledge of this process and related processes to the Cook County Assessor's Office which will enable the Assessor's Office to hand off this process to other employees or any new hire.

**BACKGROUND**

I was employed by the Cook County Assessor's Office from June 1, 1984 to May 31, 2014. During that time I served in the following capacity:

- Taxpayer Service Support Staff – Resolved taxpayer issues and processed taxpayer appeals.
- Supervisor of Assessment Verification – Verified all assessed valuations of commercial properties prior to closing of townships.
- Industrial/Commercial Valuation Analyst – Valued industrial/commercial properties for the quadrennial reassessment and analyzed industrial/commercial taxpayer appeals utilizing the three approaches to value.
- Assistant Director, Industrial/Commercial Valuation Department – Trained new analyst to value industrial/commercial properties for reassessment and to process taxpayer and attorney appeals. Reviewed completed assignments.
- Director, Industrial/Commercial Valuation Department – Ensured all assessment processes were carried out in a timely manner. Assigned special projects. Reviewed completed assignments.
- Supervisor of Training, Research and Standards Department – Trained new analysts to interpret and apply assessment guidelines as set forth in the Industrial/Commercial Valuation Manual.
- Supervisor of Omitted Assessments – Identified and assessed values to properties omitted from the tax rolls. Notified taxpayers of new values along with statutory interest and processed taxpayer's appeals to protest new values, occupancy dates.
- Industrial/Commercial Field Inspector/Group Leader – Identified, sketched and measured properties throughout Cook County for valuation purposes. Responsibilities included air rights divisions and Loop properties. Field checked taxpayer and attorney appeals to verify vacancies, wrecks, status changes and classification changes. Reviewed field assignments of lower level field inspectors.
- Manager, Industrial/Commercial Field Operations Department – Provided leadership and direction in the field department. Prepared, reviewed and assigned all field work. Reviewed and reconciled all reports. Planned and ensured that all assessment deadlines were met. Provided assistance to other departments pertaining to I/C Field matters. Attended

management meetings. Coordinated and assigned all special projects. Provided instruction and training. Tracked attendance of all employees and received and reviewed all time requests.

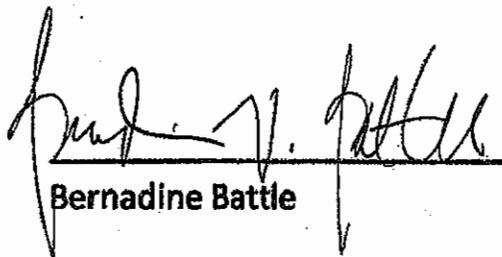
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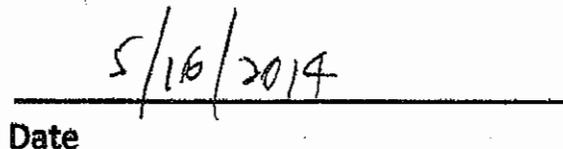
As a consultant to the Assessor's Office, I will successfully train and transfer my knowledge as listed in the Task List below to CCAO staff members which includes all other processes that I was responsible for when working as an employee for the Cook County Assessor's Office. I will cooperate as staff members shadow me step by step in the processing of the items included in the Task List. I will continue to cooperate and ensure that my knowledge of the processes in the Task List is completely transferred to any new employees that the Assessor's Office hires in an efficient manner.

- Review and assign bundles of building permits.
- Review and assign 2014 divisions to include air right parcels.
- Review and assign exempt to assess, railroad to assess and exempt to exempt files.
- Review and assign taxpayer appeal field checks.
- Coordinate remaining yearly projects to include Loop Surveys, Ford Motor Company, O'Hare Airport, Port Authority, Navy Pier, Northwestern and Pedway leaseholds.
- Review bundles of permits returned from the field.
- Review and reconcile reports (open line permit reports, weekly permit reports, exempt to assess and railroad to assess reports) required to close townships.
- Provide training to new management to include all of the responsibilities listed above as well as time tracking, accepting/approving time requests and scanning characteristics.
- Assist in the creation of a procedural manual for the Industrial/Commercial Field Operations Department.

**COST:**

I, Bernadine Battle will continue to bill the Assessor's Office for Consulting Services and will bill over the course of twelve (12) months at an hourly rate of \$54.00 per hour not to exceed \$20,000.00. Bernadine Battle will begin working June 2, 2014 for a twelve month period ending June 2, 2015.

  
Bernadine Battle

  
Date

**EXHIBIT 2**

**Certification for Consulting or Auditing Services**

**COOK COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER  
CERTIFICATION FOR CONSULTING OR AUDITING SERVICES**

This Certification is made and required pursuant to Section 34-193 of the Procurement Code, and must be completed by any Contractor providing Consulting or Auditing Services for Cook County or Elected Officials. For purposes of this Certification, the following definitions shall apply:

“Auditing” means the formal examination of accounting records or financial statements for compliance with financial accounting standards applicable to governmental entities, which functions are generally exclusively performed or supervised by Persons licensed and authorized to do business as public accounts in the State. Auditing shall also include any independent reports and management recommendations derived or resulting from the performance of auditing services and which reports and recommendations are included within the scope of the Contract for Auditing Services.

“Consulting” means the rendering of analysis and advice requiring specialized expertise in a particular subject area or field. Such expertise may have been gained by education or experience in the area or field. Consulting expressly excludes auditing services.

“Elected Official” means the President and Commissioners of the Cook County Board, Assessor, Board of Review, Chief Judge, Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Clerk, Recorder of Deeds, Sheriff, State’s Attorney, Treasurer and any other elected official included in the Cook County Appropriations Ordinance.

“County” shall mean the offices which are administered by the President of the County Board.

Please print or type responses clearly and legibly. Add additional pages if needed, being careful to identify each portion of the form to which each additional page refers to.

**SECTION 1: CONTRACTOR’S INFORMATION**

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2: AFFILIATE INFORMATION**

If the Contractor has any “Affiliates” please provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each Affiliate below. For purposes of this Certification “Affiliates” shall mean any Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries Controls, is Controlled by, or is under Control with the Person specified. “Control” shall mean a Person that has the power to directly or indirectly affect the management or the policies of the other through ownership of voting securities or voting rights, by contract or otherwise. “Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, limited liability company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

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**SECTION 3: CONTRACT INFORMATION**

- a. This Certification relates to the following Contract: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The Contractor is providing the following type of Services:  Auditing or  Consulting
- c. The Contractor is providing the Services under the Contract for the following Cook County Business Unit or Elected Official:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Is the Contractor or its Affiliates, if any, providing Consulting or Auditing Services, either directly, or as a subcontractor to the County or Elected Official under any other Contracts?  Yes or  No.  
If yes, please state the other Contract Number(s) and the Nature of Services.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**THE CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES, UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES AS FOLLOWS:**

- a. It has read Section 34-193 (a)-(b) of the Procurement Code, which provides as follows:

The County will not enter into any Contract for Auditing Services, nor shall it consent to a subcontract for such Auditing Services, with any Person, if such Person, or any Affiliate of such Person, has a Contract or subcontract for consulting services for or with the County. Additionally, the County will not enter into any Contract for Consulting Services, nor shall it consent to a subcontract for such Consulting Services, with any Person, if such Person, or any Affiliate of such Person, has a Contract or subcontract for Auditing Services for or with the County. For purposes of this provision, "County" shall refer only to offices which are administered by the President of the County Board and shall not refer to offices which are administered by Elected Officials.

The County shall not enter into any Contract for Consulting Services on behalf of any Elected Official, nor shall it consent to a subcontract for such Consulting Services on behalf of an Elected Official with any Person, if such Person, or any Affiliate of such Person, has a Contract or subcontract to provide Auditing Services for the Elected Official.

- b. The Contractor's Services under the Contract shall not violate Section 34-193 of the Procurement Code.
- c. The information provided herein is a material inducement to the CPO's execution of the Contract, and the CPO may rely on the information provided herein. The Contractor warrants that the information contained herein is true and correct. If the CPO determines that any information provided herein is false, incomplete, or incorrect, the CPO may terminate the Contract.

*Bernadine V. Battle*

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Signature

Bernadine V. Battle

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Name (Type or Print)

Consultant

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Title

June 18, 2014

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Date

PETITION FOR WAIVER OF MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION (SECTION 3)

A. BIDDER/PROPOSER HEREBY REQUESTS:

- FULL MBE WAIVER                       FULL WBE WAIVER
- REDUCTION (PARTIAL MBE and/or WBE PARTICIPATION)
- \_\_\_\_\_ % of Reduction for MBE Participation  
\_\_\_\_\_ % of Reduction for WBE Participation

B. REASON FOR FULL/REDUCTION WAIVER REQUEST

Bidder/Proposer shall check each item applicable to its reason for a waiver request. Additionally, supporting documentation shall be submitted with this request. If such supporting documentation cannot be submitted with bid/proposal/quotation, such documentation shall be submitted directly to the Office of Contract Compliance no later than three (3) days from the date of submission date.

- (1) Lack of sufficient qualified MBEs and/or WBEs capable of providing the goods or services required by the contract. (Please explain)
- (2) The specifications and necessary requirements for performing the contract make it impossible or economically infeasible to divide the contract to enable the contractor to utilize MBEs and/or WBEs in accordance with the applicable participation. (Please explain)
- (3) Price(s) quoted by potential MBEs and/or WBEs are above competitive levels and increase cost of doing business and would make acceptance of such MBE and/or WBE bid economically impracticable, taking into consideration the percentage of total contract price represented by such MBE and/or WBE bid. (Please explain)
- (4) There are other relevant factors making it impossible or economically infeasible to utilize MBE and/or WBE firms. (Please explain)

C. GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION

- (1) Made timely written solicitation to identified MBEs and WBEs for utilization of goods and/or services; and provided MBEs and WBEs with a timely opportunity to review and obtain relevant specifications, terms and conditions of the proposal to enable MBEs and WBEs to prepare an informed response to solicitation. (Please attach)
- (2) Followed up initial solicitation of MBEs and WBEs to determine if firms are interested in doing business. (Please attach)
- (3) Advertised in a timely manner in one or more daily newspapers and/or trade publication for MBEs and WBEs for supply of goods and services. (Please attach)
- (4) Used the services and assistance of the Office of Contract Compliance staff. (Please explain)
- (5) Engaged MBEs & WBEs for indirect participation. (Please explain)

D. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Attach any other documentation relative to Good Faith Efforts in complying with MBE/WBE participation.

## CERTIFICATIONS (SECTION 4)

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS ARE MADE PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND THE CODE. THE UNDERSIGNED IS CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY READ THESE CERTIFICATIONS PRIOR TO SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE. SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE SHALL CONSTITUTE A WARRANTY BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ALL THE STATEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION SET FORTH WITHIN THESE CERTIFICATIONS ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT AS OF THE DATE THE SIGNATURE PAGE IS SIGNED. THE UNDERSIGNED IS NOTIFIED THAT IF THE COUNTY LEARNS THAT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS WERE FALSELY MADE, THAT ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH THE UNDERSIGNED SHALL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION.

### A. PERSONS AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION

No person or business entity shall be awarded a contract or sub-contract, for a period of five (5) years from the date of conviction or entry of a plea or admission of guilt, civil or criminal, if that person or business entity:

- 1) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State of Illinois, of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of a unit of state, federal or local government or school district in the State of Illinois in that officer's or employee's official capacity;
- 2) Has been convicted by federal, state or local government of an act of bid-rigging or attempting to rig bids as defined in the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and Clayton Act. Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1 *et seq.*;
- 3) Has been convicted of bid-rigging or attempting to rig bids under the laws of federal, state or local government;
- 4) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State, of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices as defined by the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and the Clayton Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1, *et seq.*;
- 5) Has been convicted of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices under the laws the State;
- 6) Has been convicted of defrauding or attempting to defraud any unit of state or local government or school district within the State of Illinois;
- 7) Has made an admission of guilt of such conduct as set forth in subsections (1) through (6) above which admission is a matter of record, whether or not such person or business entity was subject to prosecution for the offense or offenses admitted to; or
- 8) Has entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to charge of bribery, price-fixing, bid-rigging, or fraud, as set forth in sub-paragraphs (1) through (6) above.

In the case of bribery or attempting to bribe, a business entity may not be awarded a contract if an official, agent or employee of such business entity committed the Prohibited Act on behalf of the business entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an officer, director or other responsible official of the business entity, and such Prohibited Act occurred within three years prior to the award of the contract. In addition, a business entity shall be disqualified if an owner, partner or shareholder controlling, directly or indirectly, 20 % or more of the business entity, or an officer of the business entity has performed any Prohibited Act within five years prior to the award of the Contract.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** The Undersigned has read the provisions of Section A, Persons and Entities Subject to Disqualification, that the Undersigned has not committed any Prohibited Act set forth in Section A, and that award of the Contract to the Undersigned would not violate the provisions of such Section or of the Code.

### B. BID-RIGGING OR BID ROTATING

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** *In accordance with 720 ILCS 5/33 E-11, neither the Undersigned nor any Affiliated Entity is barred from award of this Contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid rotating.*

### C. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** The Undersigned will provide a drug free workplace, as required by Public Act 86-1459 (30 ILCS 580/2-11).

**D. DELINQUENCY IN PAYMENT OF TAXES**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** *The Undersigned is not an owner or a party responsible for the payment of any tax or fee administered by Cook County; by a local municipality, or by the Illinois Department of Revenue, which such tax or fee is delinquent, such as bar award of a contract or subcontract pursuant to the Code, Chapter 34, Section 34-129.*

**E. HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE**

No person who is a party to a contract with Cook County ("County") shall engage in unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment against any individual in the terms or conditions of employment, credit, public accommodations, housing, or provision of County facilities, services or programs (Code Chapter 42, Section 42-30 *et seq.*).

**F. ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** *It is in compliance with the the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105), and agrees to abide by the requirements of the Act as part of its contractual obligations.*

**G. MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES, CODE CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-132**

If the primary contractor currently conducts business operations in Northern Ireland, or will conduct business during the projected duration of a County contract, the primary contractor shall make all reasonable and good faith efforts to conduct any such business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Principles for Northern Ireland as defined in Illinois Public Act 85-1390.

**H. LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE PREFERENCE (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-127;**

The Code requires that a living wage must be paid to individuals employed by a Contractor which has a County Contract and by all subcontractors of such Contractor under a County Contract, throughout the duration of such County Contract. The amount of such living wage is determined from time to time by, and is available from, the Chief Financial Officer of the County.

For purposes of this EDS Section 4, H, "Contract" means any written agreement whereby the County is committed to or does expend funds in connection with the agreement or subcontract thereof. The term "Contract" as used in this EDS, Section 4, I, specifically excludes contracts with the following:

- 1) Not-For Profit Organizations (defined as a corporation having tax exempt status under Section 501(C)(3) of the United State Internal Revenue Code and recognized under the Illinois State not-for-profit law);
- 2) Community Development Block Grants;
- 3) Cook County Works Department;
- 4) Sheriff's Work Alternative Program; and
- 5) Department of Correction inmates.

**REQUIRED DISCLOSURES (SECTION 5)**

**1. DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST CONTACTS**

List all persons or entities that have made lobbying contacts on your behalf with respect to this contract:

Name	Address
	N/A

**2. LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE DISCLOSURE; CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-151(p);**

"Local Business" shall mean a person authorized to transact business in this State and having a bona fide establishment for transacting business located within Cook County at which it was actually transacting business on the date when any competitive solicitation for a public contract is first advertised or announced and further which employs the majority of its regular, full time work force within Cook County, including a foreign corporation duly authorized to transact business in this State and which has a bona fide establishment for transacting business located within Cook County at which it was actually transacting business on the date when any competitive solicitation for a public contract is first advertised or announced and further which employs the majority of its regular, full time work force within Cook County.

a) Is Bidder a "Local Business" as defined above?  
Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:

b) If yes, list business addresses within Cook County:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) Does Bidder employ the majority of its regular full-time workforce within Cook County?  
Yes:  No: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE (PREFERENCE (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-366))**

Every Applicant for a County Privilege shall be in full compliance with any child support order before such Applicant is entitled to receive or renew a County Privilege. When delinquent child support exists, the County shall not issue or renew any County Privilege, and may revoke any County Privilege.

**All Applicants are required to review the Cook County Affidavit of Child Support Obligations attached to this EDS (EDS-8) and complete the following, based upon the definitions and other information included in such Affidavit.**

4. REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURES.

The Undersigned must indicate by checking the appropriate provision below and providing all required information that either:

- a) The following is a complete list of all real estate owned by the Undersigned in Cook County:

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER(S): 32-05-404-003-0000

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(ATTACH SHEET IF NECESSARY TO LIST ADDITIONAL INDEX NUMBERS)

OR:

- b) \_\_\_\_\_ The Undersigned owns no real estate in Cook County.

5. EXCEPTIONS TO CERTIFICATIONS OR DISCLOSURES.

If the Undersigned is unable to certify to any of the Certifications or any other statements contained in this EDS and not explained elsewhere in this EDS, the Undersigned must explain below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the letters, "NA", the word "None" or "No Response" appears above, or if the space is left blank, it will be conclusively presumed that the Undersigned certified to all Certifications and other statements contained in this EDS.

# COOK COUNTY DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST STATEMENT

The Cook County Code of Ordinances (§2-610 et seq.) requires that any Applicant for any County Action must disclose information concerning ownership interests in the Applicant. This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be completed with all information current as of the date this Statement is signed. Furthermore, this Statement must be kept current, by filing an amended Statement, until such time as the County Board or County Agency shall take action on the application. The information contained in this Statement will be maintained in a database and made available for public viewing.

If you are asked to list names, but there are no applicable names to list, you must state NONE. An incomplete Statement will be returned and any action regarding this contract will be delayed. A failure to fully comply with the ordinance may result in the action taken by the County Board or County Agency being voided.

"Applicant" means any Entity or person making an application to the County for any County Action.

"County Action" means any action by a County Agency, a County Department, or the County Board regarding an ordinance or ordinance amendment, a County Board approval, or other County agency approval, with respect to contracts, leases, or sale or purchase of real estate.

"Entity" or "Legal Entity" means a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, association, business trust, estate, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, trustee of a land trust, other commercial or legal entity or any beneficiary or beneficiaries thereof.

This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be submitted by :

1. An Applicant for County Action and
2. An individual or Legal Entity that holds stock or a beneficial interest in the Applicant and is listed on the Applicant's Statement (a "Holder") must file a Statement and complete #1 only under **Ownership Interest Declaration**.

Please print or type responses clearly and legibly. Add additional pages if needed, being careful to identify each portion of the form to which each additional page refers.

This Statement is being made by the  Applicant or  Stock/Beneficial Interest Holder

This Statement is an:  Original Statement or  Amended Statement

### Identifying Information:

Name: Bernadine V. Battle D/B/A: \_\_\_\_\_ EIN NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 945 187TH STREET

City: Bremen D State: DC Zip Code: 60430

Phone No.: 708.922.9297

### Form of Legal Entity:

Sole Proprietor  Partnership  Corporation  Trustee of Land Trust

Business Trust  Estate  Association  Joint Venture

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Ownership Interest Declaration:**

1. List the name(s), address, and percent ownership of each individual and each Entity having a legal or beneficial interest (including ownership) of more than five percent (5%) in the Applicant/Holder.

Name	Address	Percentage Interest in Applicant/Holder
	N/A	

2. If the interest of any individual or any Entity listed in (1) above is held as an agent or agents, or a nominee or nominees, list the name and address of the principal on whose behalf the interest is held.

Name of Agent/Nominee	Name of Principal	Principal's Address
	N/A	

3. Is the Applicant constructively controlled by another person or Legal Entity? [ ] Yes [  ] No  
If yes, state the name, address and percentage of beneficial interest of such person or legal entity, and the relationship under which such control is being or may be exercised.

Name	Address	Percentage of Beneficial Interest	Relationship

**Declaration (check the applicable box):**

- I state under oath that the Applicant has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest in the Applicant nor reserved any information, data or plan as to the intended use or purpose for which the Applicant seeks County Board or other County Agency action.
- I state under oath that the Holder has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest nor reserved any information required to be disclosed.

Bernadine V. Battle  
Name of Authorized Applicant/Holder Representative (please print or type)

Bernadine V. Battle  
Signature

bernadinebattle@att.net  
E-mail address

Title

5/16/2014  
Date

708.922.9297  
Phone Number

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 16TH day of MAY, 2014

x Thaddeus J. Makarewicz  
Notary Public Signature

My commission expires:





## COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

69 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3040

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

312/603-4304

312/603-9988 FAX 312/603-1011 TT/TDD

### FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION:

Section 2-582 of the Cook County Ethics Ordinance requires any person or persons doing business with Cook County, upon execution of a contract with Cook County, to disclose to the Cook County Board of Ethics the existence of familial relationships they may have with all persons holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County of Cook, or in any municipality within the County of Cook.

The disclosure required by this section shall be filed by January 1 of each calendar year or within thirty (30) days of the execution of any contract or lease. Any person filing a late disclosure statement after January 31 shall be assessed a late filing fee of \$100.00 per day that the disclosure is late. Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this section or knowingly filing a false, misleading, or incomplete disclosure to the Cook County Board of Ethics shall be prohibited, for a period of three (3) years, from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any business with Cook County. *Note:* Please see Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Section 2-582 of the Cook County Code to view the full provisions of this section.

If you have questions concerning this disclosure requirement, please call the Cook County Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304.

*Note:* A current list of contractors doing business with Cook County is available via the Cook County Board of Ethics' website at:

[http://www.cookcountygov.com/taxonomy/ethics/Listings/cc\\_ethics\\_VendorList\\_.pdf](http://www.cookcountygov.com/taxonomy/ethics/Listings/cc_ethics_VendorList_.pdf)

### DEFINITIONS:

"*Calendar year*" means January 1 to December 31 of each year.

"*Doing business*" for this Ordinance provision means any one or any combination of leases, contracts, or purchases to or with Cook County or any Cook County agency in excess of \$25,000 in any calendar year.

"*Familial relationship*" means a person who is related to an official or employee as spouse or any of the following, whether by blood, marriage or adoption:

- |           |                   |                |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| ▪ Parent  | ▪ Grandparent     | ▪ Stepfather   |
| ▪ Child   | ▪ Grandchild      | ▪ Stepmother   |
| ▪ Brother | ▪ Father-in-law   | ▪ Stepson      |
| ▪ Sister  | ▪ Mother-in-law   | ▪ Stepdaughter |
| ▪ Aunt    | ▪ Son-in-law      | ▪ Stepbrother  |
| ▪ Uncle   | ▪ Daughter-in-law | ▪ Stepsister   |
| ▪ Niece   | ▪ Brother-in-law  | ▪ Half-brother |
| ▪ Nephew  | ▪ Sister-in-law   | ▪ Half-sister  |

"*Person*" means any individual, entity, corporation, partnership, firm, association, union, trust, estate, as well as any parent or subsidiary of any of the foregoing, and whether or not operated for profit.



**SIGNATURE BY A SOLE PROPRIETOR  
(SECTION 6)**

The Undersigned hereby certifies and warrants: that all of the statements, certifications and representations set forth in this EDS are true, complete and correct; that the Undersigned is in full compliance and will continue to be in compliance throughout the term of the Contract or County Privilege issued to the Undersigned with all the policies and requirements set forth in this EDS; and that all facts and information provided by the Undersigned in this EDS are true, complete and correct. The Undersigned agrees to inform the Chief Procurement Officer in writing if any of such statements, certifications, representations, facts or information becomes or is found to be untrue, incomplete or incorrect during the term of the Contract or County Privilege.

BUSINESS NAME: Bernadine V. Battle

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 945 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HOMEROD, IL 60430

BUSINESS TELEPHONE: 708-922-9297 FAX NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FEIN/SSN: 357-60-2044

COOK COUNTY BUSINESS REGISTRATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SOLE PROPRIETOR'S SIGNATURE: Bernadine V. Battle

PRINT NAME: Bernadine V. Battle

DATE: 5-16-2014

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

16<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY, 2014.

My commission expires:

X Thaddeus J. Makarewicz  
Notary Public Signature



COOK COUNTY SIGNATURE PAGE

(SECTION 10)

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF COOK, A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS CONTRACT IS HEREBY EXECUTED BY:

*John E. M.*

COOK COUNTY CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

DATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS THIS 19 DAY OF June, 2014.

IN THE CASE OF A BID PROPOSAL, THE COUNTY HEREBY ACCEPTS:

THE FOREGOING BID/PROPOSAL AS IDENTIFIED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR CONTRACT NUMBER

1485-13728

**OR**

ITEM(S), SECTION(S), PART(S): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: \$ 20,000.00

(DOLLARS AND CENTS)

FUND CHARGEABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*N/A*

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY

(Required on contracts over \$1,000,000.00)